



The Positive Place For Kids



**HEMPSTEAD
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

America is facing a crisis.

- *Did you know that some three-fourths of American students admit they consumed alcohol before graduating high school?*
- *Did you know that 1.2 million teenagers, which are 30 percent of the public high school graduating class, did not graduate on time?*
- *Are you aware that an alarming 31.9 percent of American youth – ages 2 through 19 – are considered obese or overweight?*

Our young people are in crisis...Our young people need our support. The Hempstead Boys & Girls Club believes that every child has the potential to **BE GREAT**. In support of this strong conviction, we strive to build caring, responsible citizens. The Hempstead Boys & Girls Club family – a community of staff, volunteers, parents, youth and supporters – work together to create a positive place, full of hope and opportunity, for every child.

Today's economy has placed an additional strain on families. Now more than ever families are seeking help. We are a support system for families. While parents are worried about making ends meet and keeping their jobs, they can still rely on the Club to ensure their children are in a safe environment and not left alone at home. The Club has been very busy. Families have turned to us, and we serve some 350 kids each and every day.

Imagine what all those families would do if they did not have such a place to take their kids? At a time such as this...the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club is needed more than ever.

The Hempstead Boys & Girls Club provides a safe place for youth to get help with homework and learn how to resist peer pressure and the negative influences on their lives. The Club offers a respite from daily pressures and a fun place to meet friends. Our kids have a fun place to go every day after school. When they are at the Club, it doesn't matter if their parents have a job or not. It doesn't matter if they don't have a computer. It doesn't matter if they are not wearing designer clothes. All that does matter is there are professional staff, that care about them and provide programs that are fun and build good character along the way.

As we begin our 13th year, we realize that the need to provide life changing services to an ever increasing number of children from the Hempstead community continues to grow. What would you think if I told you that ***you*** had an opportunity to make this world a better place for the children living right in your own backyard? Your contributions to the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club, whether they be giving your time as a volunteer or making a financial contribution, is truly a gift that could fundamentally change the course of a young person's life.

Become a "Friend of the Hempstead Boys & Girls Club"...give us a call, we could use your support.

"It's been the place where I found my energy as a child...the boys & girls club...and where I've put my energy as an adult, and I can't think of a more noble or fulfilling calling than to work to make this world a better place for our children"..... Denzel Washington.

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